

3.1 THE COCKROACH'S BODY

Eyes and Feet

The two large eyes on the sides of its head are made up of hundreds of tiny, separate eyes. This eye is very similar to the compound eye of the fly. These compound eyes are very good for seeing movement. This ability helps cockroaches escape its enemies. Some cockroaches have on the top of their head a few simple eyes called ocelli. The ocelli perceive light and dark, but do not warn cockroaches of oncoming enemies.



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A young cockroach can hide in a crack the thickness of a dime.



An adult male can hide in a crack the thickness of a quarter.



A pregnant female can hide in a crack the thickness of two stacked nickels.



Cockroaches can climb walls because of a set of little claws on their feet designed for that very purpose. These claws carry the bacteria and parasites that infect humans.



Life Span:

Oriental cockroach	316-533 days
American cockroach	100-500 days
German cockroach	90-200 days
Brownbanded cockroach	115-136 days
Smokeybrown cockroach	191-586 days
Giant cockroach	300-600 days